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to set your
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is finally here, with its hope for nice weather. Plants are flowering which puts me in the mood to get more done.

Maybe March's trip to Richard Black's shop will be just the thing to give you some tips you can use for your next project. And I hope to see you at the Woodworking show in Katy the first weekend in April. It's a great place to get ideas for new projects or pick up some equipment that you just can't do without.

Roslyn Hager, President

NOTICE: NO REGULAR MEETING MARCH 12TH



FIELD TRIP: 9:00 AM
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2011

Mr. RICHARD BLACK

Nationally Acclaimed Custom Pool Cue Craftsman

DEMONSTRATION AND WORKSHOP TOUR



There will **NOT** be a WWCH meeting on March 12th at Bayland Center. Instead, we will meet on March 19th in Humble at 9:00 AM for a presentation/demonstration by Mr. Richard Black on crafting custom pool cues. Richard started making pool cues as a hobby over 30 years ago, but he is now widely recognized as one of the world's best in this field. In 2009, Richard became only the 12th person to be inducted into the American Cue-makers Association "Hall of Fame". His cues grace numerous private collections as well as The National Museum of American History and the Smithsonian Institution. If you appreciate true woodworking craftsmanship, art, or both, then this is definitely one field trip not to miss! See his website for a preview of this event: www.blackcues.com.

Richard Black lives adjacent to Lake Houston at **19410 Nehoc Lane in Humble.**

DIRECTIONS: US 59 NORTH to FM1960, head EAST on FM1960 for 6.5 miles. Turn RIGHT onto FARMINGHAM RD/FM 1008 for 0.9 miles and then turn LEFT onto NEHOC Lane. **Coffee and donuts will be provided by WWCH. Even though there should be enough parking space, members are encouraged to carpool.**



MEMBERS NOTE: A table will be available for members to display show & tell items at the **Katy** show. If you would like to **display an item** at the **April Woodworking Show** in Katy, you can bring it on March 19th and see John Gay or Denis Muras about taking it with them to display for you. Questions? Call a Board member or e-mail wwch@wwch.org.

FIELD TRIP: M&G SAWMILL APRIL 30, 2011

It's official ! Our trip to the M&G sawmill has been confirmed with Michael Carnline, one of the owners of the mill. Arrive a few minutes before **10:00 am** for one hour tour/demo of the facilities.

Afterwards, Michael will treat us to hot dogs and soft drinks. How is that for a gracious host? Also, Michael will stay as long as it takes to help everyone who wants to buy wood to finish their purchasing. I suggest that you get on the internet and go to mgsawmill.com to see for yourself what we will be seeing on this trip. While at that site, you will be able to print out a map to the mill which is about 12 miles west of Huntsville. I realize this is quite a drive, but based on reports from those who have been there on previous field trips, it is well worth the time and effort to attend. If you are unable to print a map, I will have a limited number available at the April 9th WWCH meeting.

Also at the April meeting we will be taking a head count of those who will be going on this trip so we can advise Mr. Carnline. If you plan to go, but will not be at the April 9th meeting, please send me an email to: txcole@att.net to that effect so we will have as accurate a head count at possible.

Bill Cole

THANK YOU TO SPONSORS/DONORS

Note from John Gay:

Well, I finished mailing out a lot of 'Thank You' letters to the wonderful companies who gave us some really great tools and other items that were auctioned or placed in special raffles at our picnic last October. As you know, we raise money at the picnic to help with the cost for the toy project. This money helps pay for thousands of wheels and pegs as well as gallons of finishes and paint along with glue, brushes, WWCH stickers and so many more things.

Every year a small group of our members makes some simple, cute toys that are given away to a number of children's services. Among them are Shriners Hospitals, HPD's Blue Santa, Houston Fire Department, Star of Hope, Christian Community Services and so many more. They will sometimes share our gifts of toys with their branches, sub-stations, and special care units.

This is a project that more of our members should take part in. These toys are not mechanical wonders that take hours upon hours to do. They are simple and it only takes an hour or two to make and finish. We have a lot of 1¼" wheels and the axels that go with them as well as a good number of plans from Andy Anderson. You don't even have to install the wheels because some of our good folks do the assembly.

One of my New Year's resolutions (I usually make them in March) is to make a good number of toys for the Toy Program. You can do the same. Just make a toy and add a smile to a child's face.

To join in the fun, see me, John Gay.



Corned beef and cabbage, parades, and green beer!!!

May the luck of the Irish be with ye, my dear.

A long happy life be granted to you,
and a few coins to jingle in your pocket, too!

**Congratulations
to Clark Kellogg
for this piece
published in the
Fine Woodworking
Reader's Gallery**

CLARK KELLOGG Houston, Texas

Unusual inspiration prompted this kwila and afzelia correspondence box (8¼ in. deep by 11 in. wide by 4 in. tall). In the offbeat comedy film *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou*, the main character talks about writing a thank-you letter on "our good correspondence stock." And that got Kellogg thinking about the romance of writing a proper letter on fine paper with a good pen. This dovetailed box with a frame-and-panel lid (finished with Liberon oil on the outside and shellac and wax on the inside) is the end result.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY #1

WWCH Members to Participate in a Texas Ramp Project

John Laine, Executive Director of the Texas Ramp Project, gave a **terrific presentation** at our February meeting describing how his organization builds wheelchair ramps for people throughout Texas. He is planning more projects for the Houston area and WWCH members appear anxious to lend a hand. The next **training build** is planned for **Saturday, April 16**. Already several members have signed up to help: Bill White, Vickie Osburn, Larry Schulgen, Matt Phillips, Ed Bramblett, John Gay, and Steve Wavro. If you are available on April 16th, or perhaps a future date, contact **Steve Wavro**: txwave1@msn.com.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY #2

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WOODWORKING SHOW IN KATY, TEXAS

APRIL 1, 2 AND 3, 2011

Staff the WWCH booth for two hours. Meet and talk with other woodworkers as they pursue their dreams. Then enjoy the rest of the show.

When you sign up, you will receive a free ticket to the show for the weekend.

Please sign up soon. The list of names needs to get to the promoters shortly to get the proper number of tickets. Email your name, work date, and shift time to **Denis Muras** at denis_muras@yahoo.com or call 979-885-7071 to get on the list. Take photos!

General information about The Woodworking Show: <http://cms.thewoodworkingshows.com/cms/>

Specific information for the **Houston Show**: <http://cms.thewoodworkingshows.com/cms/Home/HoustonTX/tabid/79/Default.aspx>

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 12 – NO REGULAR MEETING
See March 19 field trip.

March 19 – Field Trip Black's Custom Cues

March 26 – Scroll Saw Splinter Group

April 1-3: Woodworking Show in Katy

April 9 – APRIL MONTHLY MEETING
Speaker: Steve Proctor, WWCH member, will have a presentation on interior architectural design.



April 16 – Texas Ramp Project Build Date

April 30 – Field Trip to M&G Sawmill

July 20-23 – Woodworking Show in Las Vegas
Viva Las Vegas! Hot town, cool show!

Contact **Denis Muras** if you are interested in joining the caravan to Las Vegas. The Las Vegas show has more consumer sales than at the Atlanta show. See the website for more information: www.awfsfair.org

SCROLL SAW SPLINTER GROUP

The next Scroll Saw Splinter Group meeting will be March 26th at the Woodcraft store on Beltway 8. Meeting starts at 9:30 AM. We will continue with our Technical Session where the members will be able to get hands on saw time. The subject will be various cutting techniques. Everyone is invited whether or not you are scroller. Who knows- we might even convert you.

Norm Nichols

SPEAKER COMING IN MAY

Allan Barr, sawmill operator and rustic furniture maker featured in March 2011 edition of Creative Woodworks & Crafts Magazine, will be our guest speaker at the May 14th meeting.

Members, since there is **no regular meeting at Bayland in March**, please contact the appropriate person to **sign up** for the field trips, participate in the Texas Ramp project, get free tickets to the Katy Woodworking Show by staffing the WWCH booth, and **don't wait** till the last minute to get your dues mailed to get into the membership book. Don't wait till it's too late!!!
See you all again in April !!

FEBRUARY SHOW AND TELL

PRESENTERS

1. **Randy Abramson** – Saddle Rack
2. **Mark Behering** – M&M Dispenser
3. **Ted Clements** – Bookshelf
4. **Jeremy Grubb** – Cabinet
5. **Bryan Honey** – Blanket Chest
6. **Jere Kessler** – PET project
7. **Steve Le Grue** – Display Box
8. **Cliff Ober** – Walnut Bowl
9. **Steve & David Proctor** – Catapult, Tool Chest, Chest of Drawers
10. **Jeff Schelski** – Mahogany Box
11. **Mark Sweigart** – Knife Block
12. **Steve Wavro** – Intarsia
13. **Bob Wink** – Arts & Craft style Hall Trees



Bryan Honey used three types of mahogany with aromatic cedar for this beautiful blanket chest. The top is a single board and that high gloss sheen comes from 12 to 15 layers of shellac.



Cliff Ober turned a piece of found walnut into a handsome small bowl.

Jeff Schelski hid the hinges on his mahogany box inlaid with burl and walnut.



Mark Sweigart brought a knife block on a curved wooden leg, deep enough to hold 10" blades.

Really sharp, Mark!



Ted Clements designed and crafted this beautiful free-floating bookshelf after his wife said they needed someplace to put their books. Well this is definitely SOME place!

The top and side was cut from a single plank of curly maple with a matched and mitered joint. With the edges left in their natural state, it is a work of art!

FEBRUARY SHOW AND TELL



Bob Wink brought two hall trees, one is double sized, made in the arts and crafts style with umbrella stands. Crafted from white oak with a polyurethane varnish over Mission dye and stain.



Jere Kessler presented slides on his PET project: Personal Energy Transportation. He builds and paints the chassis's for these hand-powered 3-wheelers for shipment to 3rd world countries so the handi-capped would have mobility. See the website:

<http://petinternational.org>.

Way to go, Jere!



Jeremy Grubb showed us the “rest of the story” ...his beautiful 6 1/2 foot cabinet with that curved base in place. The cabinet is already with its lucky new owner. Necessity is truly the mother of invention. Jeremy’s solution to the problem of how to pull many pieces of masking tape with only one free hand, well, just duct tape the dispenser to your arm!



Mark Behering's M&M dispenser is made from oak won at a WWCH raffle. Seems the tops kept coming “unglued” and Mark was coming unhinged trying to find a solution. Trick: Put the lid inside, over the hole, and use a spring-loaded center punch to keep it there!



FEBRUARY SHOW AND TELL

What IS it, anyway, you ask?

Steve and David Proctor brought multiple and massive items to show and tell. Teenager David needed more storage space, so he built a big chest of drawers of maple with a shellac finish. A “while we were at it” tool chest holds all the necessities to build this fully functioning medieval trebuchet (catapult) that serves David’s scout troop as a “pumpkin pitcher” that hefts an 8lb projectile 285 feet. Designed for easy set up, it has seen action at many outdoor events in the Houston area.



Randy Abramson is ready to make someone’s rodeo dreams come true with this saddle rack! There’s no screws, just miller dowels, in this Ambrosia maple rack that fits all sizes of saddles. Randy’s hot on the trail to interest some saddle companies.



Steve Le Grue’s mahogany display box for mementos. With its see-through panel, it’s a beautiful way to display keepsakes. Shown here: funeral items.



Steve Wavro brought this “Amish Children” intarsia comprised of 88 separate pieces of mahogany, aspen, oak, walnut, cedar, and cherry with a non-yellowing acrylic finish.

CLUB AND MEMBER INFORMATION

Please send inquiries to wwch@wwch.org. All comments will be forwarded to the appropriate person for response.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Historic Houston, www.historichouston.org is a resource for flooring, lumber, hardware, doors, windows, shutters, fireplace mantles and more.

Wood Marvels, www.woodmarvels.com
Plans for various toys. Mostly for CNC machines.

Fine Scrollsaw Works, www.finescrollsaw.com
Plans for sale of some intricate fretwork:

D&M Woodcraft, <http://d-mwoodcraft.itgo.com>
Toys and Other Interesting Works

Scrollsaw Splinter group www.dfwscrollers.com
will feature Lyndal Hutcherson talking about spiral blades.

PROMOTE YOUR WEBSITE HERE or on our website: wwch.org. Follow the instructions.

Welcome New Members

Donald Becker
Mathew Phillips
Ronald Kuenning
and 5 guests attended

MISCELLANEOUS

REMEMBER, FOR IDEAS AND INSTRUCTIONS, USE YOUR LIBRARY, VIDEOS, BOOKS, AND DVDS.

THANKS FOR THE LOAN OF THE WOODWORKING VIDEOS, HOWEVER, whomever loaned them to us, please contact Blaine Stokes so he can return them to you.

Keep the information flowing. If you've found great websites or upcoming seminars/shows share them via the newsletter

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NEXT MEETING
(No Regular March Meeting)
APRIL 9, 2011
9AM TO 11:30AM
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STEVE PROCTOR
Interior Architectural Design

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Daylight Saving time begins at 2:00am on March 13, so remember to turn your clocks one hour forward.

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DID YOU DO YOUR DUES? DO IT!

THE 2011 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY is being compiled as we speak. Don't be left out. To insure your name is included, "re-up!" by mailing your check to Norm Nichols at 10426 Overview Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77478. You can abbreviate the club name on your check to WWCH rather than writing out the full club name. *Thank you!*

Guests are always welcome at WWCH.

CLUB SHIRTS AND CAPS STILL AVAILABLE

There's lots of field trips and workshops coming up...strut your stuff and wear your club shirt and cap! Order shirts with the custom embroidered Woodworkers Club of Houston logo through Bill Cole at 713-772-6697 or just pick up a "ready to go" cap at the meeting.

Shirts: \$22.00 Caps: \$6.00

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This newsletter is edited and distributed by Joyce Saylan, who may be contacted by email at sayjoyce@hotmail.com.

WWCH PURPOSE

The Woodworkers Club of Houston is a group of men and women of all ages and skill levels who promote, educate, and share the craft of woodworking. The club meets the second Saturday of every month from 9-11:30 at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet at Hillcroft. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are \$24 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!